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1. On the weekend of 1 to 2 August 1953, there was an alert in the East German Ministry for Mining and Smelting. On orders from the East German security officials the building guard and duty officer staff was doubled. The reason given for these measures was an expected demonstration to be held in West Berlin by East Germans against the East German government.
2. Since Otto Grotewohl and Walter Ulbricht have given up their Russian ZIM limousines in favor of the safer Czechoslovak Tatra armor plate and armor glass sedans as a result of the 17 June uprising, Minister of Mining and Smelting Fritz Selbmann has ordered from the LHM plant a specially built car with armor plate and bulletproof glass. Selbmann formerly used a ZIM and occasionally a German Horch.

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